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Re: Application of **Tsukasa YOSHIDA**

PORTABLE SHOE HORN

Assignee: **NS PLANNING CO. LTD.**

Our Ref: **Q85474**

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 6 sheets of drawings.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and a copy of the executed Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application as filed, the International Search Report and complete copies of the references cited therein, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by § 371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$900.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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